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# **- INCIDENT REPORT -** ROSSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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EVENT	INCIDENT TYPE:		COUNTS		INCIDENT CODE		PREMISE TYPE	
	BURGLARY- FORCED ENTRY- NON-RESIDENCE		1		16-7-1		<input type="checkbox"/> 1-HIGHWAY <input type="checkbox"/> 2- SVC STATION <input type="checkbox"/> 3- CONVENIENCE STORE <input type="checkbox"/> 4- BANK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5-COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> 6- RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> 7- SCHOOL/ CAMPUS <input type="checkbox"/> 8- ALL OTHER	
	THEFT BY TAKING MORE THAN \$1500.00		1		16-8-2			
	DAMAGE TO PROPERTY- BUSINESS 1ST DEGREE		1		16-7-22			
VICTIM	INCIDENT LOCATION		LOC. CODE		STRANGER TO STRANGER		WEAPON TYPE	
	105 MAPLE ST - - ROSSVILLE 30741				YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> 1-GUN <input type="checkbox"/> 2-KNIFE CUTTING TOOL <input type="checkbox"/> 3- HANDS/FIST/ETC <input type="checkbox"/> 4- OTHER	
	INCIDENT DATE	TIME	DATE	TIME				
	03/11/2018	1600	03/11/2018	2246				
OFFENDER	COMPLAINANT'S NAME		ADDRESS		PHONE NUMBER			
	ASSIST. CHIEF T.C. PERRY,							
	VICTIM'S NAME		RACE		SEX	DOB	AGE	RESIDENCE PHONE BUSINESS PHONE
	WALKER CO. GOVERNMENT,							
VEHICLE	ADDRESS		CENSUS TRACT		EMPLOYER OR OCCUPATION			
	STUDENT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		IF YES, NAME VICTIM'S SCHOOL					
PROPERTY	OFFENDER'S NAME		PERSON ID		SSN		RACE SEX DATE OF BIRTH AGE	
	NICHOLS, CHRISTOPHER SHANE		NICH010472				W M 46	
	ADDRESS		CENSUS TRACT		HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR	EYES
	HOMELESS - , TN				602	240	BRO	HAZ
NARR.	WARRANT CHARGES		COUNTS		OFFENSE CODE		OFFENSE/ARREST JURIS.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BURGLARY- FORCED ENTRY- NON-RESIDENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THEFT BY TAKING MORE THAN \$1500.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DAMAGE TO PROPERTY- BUSINESS 1ST DEGREE		1 1 1		16-7-1 16-8-2 16-7-22		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
	TOTAL NUMBER ARRESTED		ARREST AT OR NEAR OFFENSE SCENE		DATE OF OFFENSE		JURIS.	
	2		YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		03/11/2018		1. CITY 2. COUNTY 3. STATE 4. OUT OF STATE 5. UNKNOWN	
DRUG	TAG NUMBER		STATE YEAR		V.I.N.		PLATE ONLY VIN PLATE ONLY	
							<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
	STOLEN		RECOVD		SUSPECTS		COLOR	
	0							
CLEAR	MOTOR SIZE (CID)		AUTO MAN. SPD.		INSURED BY			
	WITNESS NAMES		ADDRESS		HOME PHONE		WORK PHONE	
	STEPHANIE PRATER		59 VINITA TRAIL - FLINTSTONE, GA 30725-		423-208-0238		--	
ADM.	JAMES PACE		411 WEST GORDON AVE - ROSSVILLE, GA 30741-		706-866-1625		--	
	VEHICLES		CURRENCY, NOTES, ETC.		JEWELRY, PREC METALS		FURS	
	STOLEN \$0:00 RECOVERED \$0:00		\$0:00 \$0:00		\$0:00 \$0:00		\$0:00 \$0:00	
NARR.	CLOTHING		OFFICE EQUIP.		TV, RADIO, ETC.		HOUSEHOLD GOODS	
	STOLEN \$0:00 RECOVERED \$0:00		\$0:00 \$0:00		\$0:00 \$0:00		\$0:00 \$0:00	
	FIREARMS		CONSUMABLE GOODS		LIVESTOCK		OTHER	
	STOLEN \$0:00 RECOVERED \$0:00		\$0:00 \$0:00		\$0:00 \$0:00		\$0:00 \$0:00	
		PROPERTY RECOVERY INFO ONLY		JURISDICTION CODES				
		THEFT / RECOVERY		1. CITY 2. COUNTY 3. STATE 4. OUT OF STATE 5. UNKNOWN				
		DATE OF THEFT						
		TOTAL						
		DID INVESTIGATION INDICATE THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS DRUG RELATED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		IF YES, PLEASE INDICATE THE TYPE OF DRUG(S) USED BY OFFENDER.				
		<input type="checkbox"/> 1- AMPHETAMINE <input type="checkbox"/> 2- BARBITURATE <input type="checkbox"/> 3- COCAINE <input type="checkbox"/> 4- HALLUCINOGEN <input type="checkbox"/> 5- HEROIN <input type="checkbox"/> 6- MARIJUANA <input type="checkbox"/> 7- METHAMPHETAMINE <input type="checkbox"/> 8- OPIUM <input type="checkbox"/> 9- SYNTHETIC NARCOTIC <input type="checkbox"/> U- UNKNOWN						
		REQUIRED DATA FIELDS FOR CLEARANCE REPORT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> CLEARED BY ARREST <input type="checkbox"/> EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED <input type="checkbox"/> UNFOUNDED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		REPORT DATE				
		DATE OF CLEARANCE		03/11/2018				
		ADULT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE <input type="checkbox"/>		PENDING <input type="checkbox"/> CLOSED BY INVESTIGATION <input type="checkbox"/>				
		*** SEE INCIDENT REPORT PAGE 2 FOR NARRATIVE ***						
		REPORTING OFFICER		NUMBER				
		PERRY, TIM		201				
		APPROVING OFFICER		NUMBER				
		ADAMS, ROBERT S.		200				



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WHILE ON PATROL I WAS ADVISED BY AN UNKNOWN MALE THAT THERE WAS "OIL IN THE CREEK" WHICH RUNS BESIDE THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL. I WENT TO THE LOCATION AND NOTED A RAINBOW SHEEN COVERING THE WATER AS FAR AS THE EYE COULD SEE IN EITHER DIRECTION, I CONTACTED ASST. CHIEF NARMORE AND SENT A PHOTO TO PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR HARRIS BOTH OF WHO RESPONDED TO THE LOCATION.

BY CHECKING STORM DRAINS AND OTHER DITCHES THE SOURCE OF THE CONTAMINATION WAS DETERMINED TO BE SOMEWHERE INSIDE THE VACANT MILL AT 105 MAPLE STREET, ENTRY WAS MADE BY PULLING UP A PART OF A FENCE. ONCE INSIDE IT WAS LEARNED THE PERSON(S) UNKNOWN HAD USED TOOLS AND CHAINS TO OVERTURN VERY LARGE ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMERS IN THE CENTER OF THE MILL TO STEAL THE COPPER CONTAINED WITHIN AND THE LIQUID WHICH WAS ALSO INSIDE THE TRANSFORMERS WAS RUNNING INTO A STORM DRAIN NEARBY. ALL THE TOOLS THAT WERE LEFT AFTER THE THEFT WERE COLLECTED.

A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THAT AREA WAS AN EXTERIOR DOOR OPENING TO MAPLE ST., TWO LARGE BUNDLES OF COPPER TIED IN A HEAVY CLOTH MATERIAL WERE LOCATED, THE COPPER INSIDE WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE COPPER INSIDE THE TRANSFORMERS, THE COPPER AND TOOLS WERE COLLECTED AND TAKEN TO THE POLICE DEPT. STORAGE SHED.

THE PROPER AUTHORITIES IN REGARDS TO THE WATERWAY CONTAMINATION WERE CONTACTED AND RESPONDED.

Officer Name: PERRY, TIM

Badge: 201

Date Added: 03/11/2018



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**All Offenders, Extra Victims, Extra Complainants:****Person Name:** WALKER CO. GOVERNMENT**Address:** - ,**Pers ID:** WAXXXXXXXX**Type:** VIC**Height:****Weight:** 0**Hair:****Eyes:****DLNO:** [REDACTED]**SSN:** [REDACTED]**DOB:** [REDACTED]**Age:** [REDACTED]**Race:****Sex:****Person Name:** CHRISTOPHER SHANE NICHOLS**Address:** HOMELESS - , TN -**Home Phone:** - -**Cell Phone:****Pers ID:** NICH010472**Type:** OFF**Height:** 602**Weight:** 240**Hair:** BRO**Eyes:** HAZ**DLNO:** [REDACTED]**SSN:** [REDACTED]**DOB:** [REDACTED]**Age:** [REDACTED]**Race:** W**Sex:** M

**Chrgs:** 16-7-1 BURGLARY- FORCED ENTRY- NON-RESIDENCE  
16-7-22 DAMAGE TO PROPERTY- BUSINESS 1ST DEGREE  
16-7-24 INTERFERENCE WITH GOVERNMENT PROPERTY  
16-8-2 THEFT BY TAKING MORE THAN \$1500.00

**Person Name:** ASSIST. CHIEF T.C. PERRY**Address:** - ,**Pers ID:** ASXXXXXXX**Type:** COM**Person Name:** OFFICER D. LLEWELLYN**Address:** - ,**Pers ID:** OFXXXXXXX**Type:** COM**Person Name:** TRAVIS LEE PRATER**Address:** 59 VINITA TRAIL - FLINTSTONE, GA 30725-**Home Phone:** - -**Cell Phone:****Pers ID:** PRTR071782**Type:** OFF**Height:** 508**Weight:** 112**Hair:** BRO**Eyes:** BRN**DLNO:** [REDACTED]**SSN:** [REDACTED]**DOB:** [REDACTED]**Age:** [REDACTED]**Race:** W**Sex:** M

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**Person Name:** JACOB M BUCKNER**Address:** 2602 DODDS AVE - CHATTANOOGA, TN 37407-**Home Phone:** 423-326-9946**Work Phone:** - -**Cell Phone:****Pers ID:** BUJA050693**Type:** OFF**Height:** 510**Weight:** 150**Hair:** BRO**Eyes:** BLU**DLNO:** [REDACTED]**SSN:** [REDACTED]**DOB:** [REDACTED]**Age:** [REDACTED]**Race:** W**Sex:** M



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## All Offenders, Extra Victims, Extra Complainants:

<b>Person Name:</b> STEPHANIE TAMMIE PRATER <b>Address:</b> 59 VINITA TRAIL - FLINTSTONE, GA 30725- <b>Home Phone:</b> 423-208-0238 <b>Work Phone:</b> - - <b>Cell Phone:</b> <b>DLNO:</b> [REDACTED] <b>SSN:</b> [REDACTED] <b>DOB:</b> [REDACTED] <b>Age:</b> [REDACTED] <b>Race:</b> W <b>Sex:</b> F	<b>Pers ID:</b> PRST033180 <b>Height:</b> 506 <b>Weight:</b> 185 <b>Hair:</b> BRO <b>Eyes:</b> HAZ	<b>Type:</b> WIT
<b>Person Name:</b> AIMEE GOODMAN <b>Address:</b> 1209 INDIAN AVE APT H-5 - ROSSVILLE, GA 30741- <b>Home Phone:</b> - - <b>Cell Phone:</b> <b>DLNO:</b> [REDACTED] <b>SSN:</b> [REDACTED] <b>DOB:</b> [REDACTED] <b>Age:</b> [REDACTED] <b>Race:</b> W <b>Sex:</b> F	<b>Pers ID:</b> GOAI092079 <b>Height:</b> 501 <b>Weight:</b> 140 <b>Hair:</b> BRO <b>Eyes:</b> BRN	<b>Type:</b> OCC
<b>Person Name:</b> MORTICIA LACHELE BRIDGES <b>Address:</b> 1209 INDIAN AVE APT H-5 - RINGGOLD, GA 30736- <b>Home Phone:</b> 706-260-9589 <b>Work Phone:</b> - - <b>Cell Phone:</b> <b>DLNO:</b> [REDACTED] <b>SSN:</b> [REDACTED] <b>DOB:</b> [REDACTED] <b>Age:</b> [REDACTED] <b>Race:</b> W <b>Sex:</b> F	<b>Pers ID:</b> BRMO080886 <b>Height:</b> 503 <b>Weight:</b> 140 <b>Hair:</b> BRO <b>Eyes:</b> BRN	<b>Type:</b> OCC
<b>Person Name:</b> MARK A. HARRIS <b>Address:</b> 400 MCFARLAND AVENUE - ROSSVILLE, GA 30741- <b>Work Phone:</b> 706-861-1735 <b>DLNO:</b> [REDACTED] <b>SSN:</b> [REDACTED] <b>DOB:</b> [REDACTED] <b>Age:</b> [REDACTED] <b>Race:</b> W <b>Sex:</b> M	<b>Pers ID:</b> HAMA092470 <b>Height:</b> <b>Weight:</b> 0 <b>Hair:</b> <b>Eyes:</b>	<b>Type:</b> OTH
<b>Person Name:</b> LESLIE BRUCE <b>Address:</b> 711 SCHMITT RD - ROSSVILLE, GA 30741- <b>Home Phone:</b> 423-653-7350 <b>Work Phone:</b> - - <b>Cell Phone:</b> <b>DLNO:</b> [REDACTED] <b>SSN:</b> [REDACTED] <b>DOB:</b> [REDACTED] <b>Age:</b> [REDACTED] <b>Race:</b> W <b>Sex:</b> F	<b>Pers ID:</b> BRLE011057 <b>Height:</b> 507 <b>Weight:</b> 160 <b>Hair:</b> GRY <b>Eyes:</b>	<b>Type:</b> OTH
<b>Person Name:</b> DAVID LEE SCROGGINS <b>Address:</b> 500 MCFARLAND AVENUE - ROSSVILLE, GA 30741- <b>Home Phone:</b> - - <b>Work Phone:</b> 706-866-1227 <b>Cell Phone:</b> - - <b>DLNO:</b> [REDACTED] <b>SSN:</b> [REDACTED] <b>DOB:</b> [REDACTED] <b>Age:</b> [REDACTED] <b>Race:</b> W <b>Sex:</b> M	<b>Pers ID:</b> SCDAXXXXXX <b>Height:</b> <b>Weight:</b> 0 <b>Hair:</b> <b>Eyes:</b>	<b>Type:</b> OTH

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Person Name: JAMES PACE

Address: 411 WEST GORDON AVE - ROSSVILLE, GA 30741-

Home Phone: 706-866-1625

Work Phone: - -

Cell Phone:

DLNO: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Age [REDACTED]

Race: W

Sex: M

Pers ID: PAJAXXXXXX

Height:

Weight: 0

Hair:

Eyes:

Type: WIT



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COMPLAINANT: ASSIST. CHIEF T.C. PERR

VICTIM: WALKER CO.  
GOVERNMENT.

Date Added: 03/16/2018

SRID: 1198

## Supplemental Narrative/Report:

Officer Name: PHILPOTT, KIM

Badge: 234

Narrative:

RAN CRIMINAL HISTORY ON JACOB MARK BUCKNER



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COMPLAINANT: ASSIST. CHIEF T.C. PERRY

VICTIM: WALKER CO.  
GOVERNMENT

Date Added: 03/27/2018

SRID: 22006928

## Supplemental Narrative/Report:

Officer Name: LLEWELLYN, ROBERT

Badge: 205

Narrative:

### INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

OFFICER D. LLEWELLYN 18-03-01312

ON MARCH 12TH, 2018 I BEGAN TO INVESTIGATE A BURGLARY THAT OCCURRED AT 105 MAPLE STREET, ROSSVILLE GEORGIA. AN INCIDENT REPORT PREPARED BY ASSIST. CHIEF TIM PERRY ADVISED THAT SOMEONE HAD BROKEN INTO THE VACANT MILL AT 105 MAPLE STREET STEALING COPPER FROM LARGE ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMERS. DURING THIS PROCESS THE SUSPECT DUMPED THE OIL FROM THE TRANSFORMERS INTO THE STORM DRAINS CAUSING A LARGE HAZMAT INCIDENT. LEFT BEHIND WAS A LARGE AMOUNT OF COPPER WIRE THAT WAS OIL SOAKED AND TIGHTLY WRAPPED IN ELECTRICAL TAPE. THE WIRE WAS LEFT NEAR A DOOR ON THE MAPLE STREET SIDE OF THE BUILDING. THIS WAS COLLECTED BY ASSIST. CHIEF PERRY AND BROUGHT TO THE POLICE DEPT.

I FIRST PHOTOGRAPHED THE WIRE AND PREPARED FLYERS WHICH I DELIVERED TO SEVERAL LOCAL RECYCLING LOCATIONS. ON THIS SAME DATE I RECEIVED A CALL FROM JAMES PACE WHO IS THE OWNER OF LOOKOUT RECYCLING IN ROSSVILLE. HE ADVISED THAT HE RECOGNIZED THE COPPER AS BEING TRANSFORMER WIRE FROM HIS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE BUSINESS. HE ALSO SAID THAT OVER THE PAST MONTH THAT HE HAS PURCHASED APPROX. 1,000 LBS. OF THE WIRE FROM A FEMALE THAT HE IDENTIFIED AS STEPHANIE PRATER. HE ALSO EMAILED ME THE POLICE REPORT FROM HIS BUSINESS WHERE I FOUND THAT STEPHANIE HAD MADE FIVE (5) TRANSACTIONS STARTING ON FEBRUARY 12TH, 2018 AND ENDING ON MARCH 5TH, 2018 TOTALING 613 LBS. OF #2 COPPER AND SHE WAS PAID \$1,229.04.

ON THIS SAME DATE I AND DET. DEWAYNE STEELE WENT TO #59 VINITA TRAIL IN FLINTSTONE, GA WHERE I LOCATED MS. PRATER. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT HER TRANSACTIONS SHE ESSENTIALLY STATED THE FOLLOWING;

I NEVER WENT IN THAT BUILDING BUT I KNOW WHO DID. IT WAS MY BROTHER, CHRISTOPHER SHANE NICHOLS. MY BROTHER HAS RUINED THIS FAMILY WITH HIS METH USE. MY BROTHER CALLED ME ABOUT A MONTH AGO AND SAID THAT A FRIEND WAS GOING TO HELP HIM "GET BACK ON HIS FEET" BY GIVING HIM SOME OLD GENERATORS THAT HE COULD SCRAP THE COPPER OUT OF. HE ASKED ME TO TAKE HIM TO THE SCRAP YARD ON OCCASIONS BECAUSE HE DOES NOT HAVE A VALID I.D. AND I AGREED. HE WOULD CALL ME FROM TIME TO TIME AND ASK ME TO PICK HIM UP "AROUND THE OLD MILL" AND TAKE HIM TO LOOKOUT RECYCLING. I WOULD TAKE HIM THERE AND SHOW MY I.D. AND COLLECT THE CHECK FOR THE COPPER. THEN HE AND I WOULD GO TO THE COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK IN ROSSVILLE WHERE I WOULD CASH THE CHECK AND IN RETURN HE WOULD GIVE ME \$20 OR SO FOR GAS MONEY. THIS MORNING I SAW ON THE NEWS WHERE SOMEONE HAD STOLE COPPER FROM THE MILL AND CAUSED A BIG OIL SPILL. I CALLED MY BROTHER AND ASKED HIM IF THAT WAS HIM AND HE SAID "YES, BUT THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO ME BECAUSE THE BUILDING WAS NOT POSTED NO TRESPASSING". I THEN TOLD HIM HE SHOULD TURN HIMSELF IN.

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I THEN SHOWED HER PICTURES OF THE COPPER THAT HAD BEEN RECOVERED FROM THE MILL AND SHE IDENTIFIED IT AS MATCHING THE COPPER SHE HAD SOLD FOR HER BROTHER.

LATER THIS DATE I WAS DISCUSSING THIS CASE WITH CPL. HERPST OF THE WALKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. CPL. HERPST ADVISED THAT HE HAD ARRESTED MR. NICHOLS ON FEBRUARY 11TH, 2018 FOR DRIVING ON A REVOKED LICENSE. (CASE # 2018-0005263). HE ADVISED THAT DURING THE ARREST HE HAD NOTED THAT MR. NICHOLS WAS COVERED WITH AN OILY SUBSTANCE THAT HAD AN ACID LIKE CHEMICAL SMELL. HE ALSO SAID THAT THERE WAS A LARGE AMOUNT OF COPPER WIRING IN THE TRUNK OF THE CAR THAT WAS OIL SOAKED AND WRAPPED IN TAPE. WHEN SHOWN THE PICTURES OF THE COPPER RECOVERED FROM THE MILL HE IDENTIFIED THE COPPER AS BEING THE SAME.

I THEN CHECKED THE RECORDS FROM LOOKOUT RECYCLING AND FOUND THAN ON FEBRUARY 12TH (THE NEXT DAY AFTER CPL. HERPST'S ARREST OF MR. NICHOLS) 180 LBS. OF COPPER WAS SOLD BY MS. PRATER, VERIFYING THE TIME LINE OF HER STORY.

ON MARCH 13TH, 2018 I APPLIED FOR WARRANTS FOR MR. NICHOLS FOR BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE (16-7-1), CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (16-7-22) AND INTERFERENCE WITH GOVERNMENT PROPERTY (16-7-24). ON THIS SAME DATE A WARRANT WAS SIGNED FOR BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE.

ON MARCH 14TH MR. NICHOLS WAS ARRESTED IN ROSSVILLE ON THE BURGLARY CHARGE. DURING A CUSTODIAL INTERVIEW MR. NICHOLS CONFESSED THAT HE, TRAVIS PRATER, AND JACOB BUCKNER HAD STOLEN THE COPPER FROM INSIDE THE MILL AND THAT BOTH MEN HAD HELPED HIM ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. HE ALSO CONFESSED TO EMPTYING THE OIL FROM THE TRANSFORMERS KNOWING THAT IT WAS UNSAFE. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT STEPHANIE, TRAVIS, AND JACOB ALL KNEW THAT THE COPPER HAD COME FROM THE MILL AND THAT ALL SHARED IN THE PROCEEDS. MR. NICHOLS WENT ON TO SAY THAT DURING THE TIMES OF THE THEFTS THAT HE HAD TAKEN COPPER TO 1209 INDIAN AVE (THE HAPPY VALLEY APTS) APT H-5. HE ADVISED THAT "AMY" AND "TISHA" LIVED THERE AND WOULD LET HIM STAY ON OCCASIONS. HE ADVISED THAT THERE STILL SHOULD BE CONTAMINATED COPPER THERE.

AT THIS POINT I, DETECTIVE SCROGGINS, AND CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MARK HARRIS WENT TO THE HAPPY VALLEY APTS. WHERE WE MET WITH MANAGER LESLIE BRUCE. AFTER EXPLAINING THE SITUATION, WE WENT TO APT. H-5 WHERE WE LOCATED AIMEE GOODMAN AND MORTICIA BRIDGES. BOTH LADIES ADMITTED TO LETTING MR. NICHOLS STAY IN THE APARTMENT BUT ADVISED THAT THERE WAS NO COPPER IN THE APARTMENT. WHILE SPEAKING WITH THEM I NOTICED THE STRONG CHEMICAL ODOR THAT I RECOGNIZED FROM THE OTHER COPPER I HAD PHOTOGRAPHED. MS. GOODMAN TOOK ME TO A BACK BEDROOM WHERE I LOCATED TWO (2) OIL SOAKED RED CLOTH BAGS THAT SHE ADVISED MR. NICHOLS HAD LEFT. THESE BAGS WERE PHOTOGRAPHED AND REMOVED FROM THE PROPERTY TO BE DESTROYED. APARTMENT MANAGER



ASSIST. CHIEF T.C. PERR  
WALKER CO. GOVERNME

ADVISED BOTH LADIES THEY WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE THE APARTMENT UNTIL IT COULD BE INSPECTED BY A HAZMAT TEAM.

ON THIS SAME DATE I AND DETECTIVE SCROGGINS CONDUCTED A FOLLOW UP INTERVIEW WITH STEPHANIE PRATER AT THE ROSSVILLE POLICE DEPT. SHE AGAIN ADMITTED THAT SHE HAD SOLD COPPER ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, AND THAT TRAVIS HAD BEEN WITH HER ON THESE OCCASIONS. SHE STATED THAT SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF WHERE THE COPPER HAD COME FROM AT THE TIME. SHE ALSO COULD NOT PROVIDE AN ALIBI FOR TRAVIS, SAYING THAT HE COULD HAVE BEEN WITH SHANE ON OCCASIONS WHEN THE COOPER WAS STOLEN.

ON MARCH 15TH I AND DETECTIVE SCROGGINS CONDUCTED A CUSTODIAL INTERVIEW WITH TRAVIS PRATER WHO WAS IN CUSTODY AT THE WALKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON AN UNRELATED PROBATION VIOLATION. MR. PRATER ADMITTED TO KNOWING THAT THE COPPER THAT HE AND STEPHANIE HAD SOLD CAME FROM THE MILL. HE DENIED GOING INSIDE THE MILL BUT COULD NOT EXPLAIN WHY MR. NICHOLS HAD TOLD US THAT HE AND MR. BUCKNER HAD HAD HELPED HIM WITH THE THEFTS. WHEN HE WAS TOLD THAT STEPHANIE COULD NOT PROVIDE AN ALIBI FOR HIM HE SAID "I CAN'T BELIEVE MY ON WIFE IS THROWING ME UNDER THE BUS".

ON THIS SAME DATE DETECTIVE SCROGGINS REVIEWED THIS CASE WITH A.D.A. CHAPMAN WHO ADVISED THE APPROPRIATE CHARGES FOR THE LISTED OFFENDERS SHOULD BE BURGLARY 2ND DEGREE, THEFT BY TAKING (F), CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (F), AND INTERFERENCE WITH GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

ON THIS SAME DATE THE ADDITIONAL WARRANTS WHERE ISSUED FOR MR. NICHOLS AND MR. PRATER AND I WILL BE ATTEMPTING TO MAKE CONTACT WITH MR. BUCKNER AT A LATER DATE.

ON MARCH 22ND I MADE CONTACT BY PHONE WITH MR. BUCKNER. MR. BUCKNER ADVISED THAT HE KNEW WHAT THIS WAS ABOUT BECAUSE HE HAD SEEN IT ON THE NEWS. HE ADMITTED TO SELLING COPPER FOR MR. NICHOLS AND ASKED IF HE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO GET ARRESTED. I ASKED HIM TO COME IN THE NEXT MORNING AT 1000 HRS FOR AN INTERVIEW AND HE AGREED. MR. BUCKNER NEVER SHOWED FOR THAT INTERVIEW. I WILL BE SEEKING WARRANTS FOR HIS ARREST AT A LATER DATE.

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